

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2 and 4-34 are in the case. Claims 3 and 35-41 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 17-23 and 32-34 have been amended. The specification has been amended.

Regarding objection to the disclosure, page 1 of the Specification has been amended as required, to provide serial numbers with the related applications. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

The Specification was also amended at pages 16 and 20 to correct minor informalities discovered during preparation of this Amendment.

Regarding the objection to the drawings, Claim 37 has been canceled, thereby rendering this objection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, Claim 3 has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, Claim 8 has been amended to make clear the antecedent basis for the recited element. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejections of Claims 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, Claims 17, 33 and 34 have been amended to make clear the antecedent basis for both of the recited elements cited in the grounds for these rejections. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by the patent to Fogle, independent Claims 1 and 17

have been amended to overcome the rejection, with Claims 2 and 4-16 depending, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1, and Claims 18-34 depending, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 17. Claims 3 and 35-41 have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot with respect thereto. In connection with these amendments Applicants point out that Fogle is concerned only with prioritized access in an isolated network, and does not address the contention between overlapping networks, as do the Claims presently in the instant application. An accordance with Fogle's method, a station will not be accessing the medium at the same time another station is within the same BSS is. However, a station may be accessing the medium while stations in adjacent BSSs are, thereby causing collisions and defeating the objective of achieving contention-free access. The other art of record is even less relevant.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that for the above reasons Claims 1 and 17 distinguish patentably over Fogle and, indeed, all of the art of record, whether considered individually or in any combination, and that Claims 1 and 17 are therefore allowable. Claims 2 and 4-16 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1, and Claims 18-34 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 17, and so are allowable as well for the same reasons, as well as for the additional limitations recited therein. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

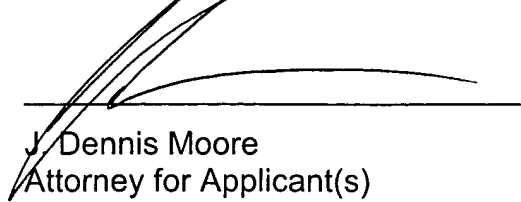
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

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